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INDUSTRIAL AND HOUSING CONSTRUCTION IN USSR EXPANDS;
MOLDAVIA AND AZERBAIDZHAN LAGGING

INDUSTRIAL SETTLEMENTS GET NEW HOUSING -- Izvestiya, 17 Jun 50

In connection with the rapid growth of industry, a number of large towns and workers' settlements were built in Bashkiria during the past few years. Together with large-scale industrial construction in these towns and settlements, there has been a great deal of housing and cultural construction.

Trud, 9 Jun 50

The settlement built around Uralmashzavod imeni S. Ordzhonikidze in Sverdlovsk has been growing steadily. The living area of this settlement is larger than the entire area of prewar Yekaterinburg. During the past 4 years, construction of new housing in this workers' settlement covered an area exceeding 33,000 square meters.

RECONSTRUCTION CONTINUES IN BELORUSSIA, LITHUANIA, UKRAINE -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 6 Jul 50

During 1950, more than 300 dwellings are to be built in Minsk, including many buildings of four stories and higher. Much has been done for the restoration of the construction materials industry in this city. Twelve large mechanized brick plants have been built and reconstructed in Minsk. On completion of the mechanized brick plant No 10, the brick output will be tripled as compared with prewar production. During the first 5 months of 1950, city construction projects received about 4 million bricks above plan.

Sovetskaya Litva, 31 Mar 50

The volume of construction and reconstruction work in Vil'nyus during 1950 is considerably greater than during previous years. In addition to a number of industrial enterprises, construction organizations are to complete the reconstructed building of the railroad station, the "Pobeda" movie theater, the "Vil'nyus" hotel, a polyclinic, the House of Scientific Workers, over ten apartment buildings, two new schools, etc. The railroad stations square is to be considerably enlarged and asphalted.

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Investive, 21 May 50

Bernopol', an oblast center in the Ukraine, was seriously damaged during the war. Living conditions in the city are now back to normal. There are a number of schools, a dramatic theater, libraries, and medical institutions. About 700 administrative buildings and dwellings have been restored.

Reconstruction is continuing. A new railroad station building is under construction. The first gas and water pipes have been laid in the city.

TASHKENT CITY DEVELOPS -- Pravda, 5 Jun 50

The city of Tashkent, Uzbek SSR, is growing steadily. The main street of Tashkent, ulitsa imeni Navoi, was recently opened to traffic. It now has a streetcar line and a trolley-bus line. Multistoried apartment houses are being built on this street, which is about 2 kilometers long. The new Prospekt imeni Kaganovich will cross ulitsa imeni Navoi and connect with the new industrial district. Frunzenskiy Rayon, across the new Budzharskiy Bridge.

TBILISI BUILDING NEW EMBANKMENT -- Vechernyaya Moskva, 12 Jun 50 (reprint from Zarya Vostoka)

Progress is being made on the largest construction project in Tbilisi, the embankment imeni Stalin. By the end of 1950, a parapet of basalt stone will be built on the left bank of the Kura River. Construction of the bulkhead between the bridge Chalyuskintsev and the bridge Baratashvili is almost completed.

On completion of the embankment on the left bank of the Kura, construction of a new embankment on the right river bank between the bridge Baratashvili and the bridge imeni 300 Aragvintsev will begin in the next few years. A new bridge is to be built across the Kura River near the Metekhskiy Castle. A dam will be constructed near this location, thereby raising the water level in the river. A new hydroelectric power plant is planned.

Ulitsa Chalyuskintsev in Tbilisi is now under reconstruction. The street is being widened to almost twice its former width, that is, to 28-30 meters. The work is to be completed by 20 July.

AZERBAIDZHAN FAILS TO MEET CONSTRUCTION PLANS -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 10 Aug 50

In 1950, 96 million rubles were assigned to housing construction for petroleum workers in Azerbaijan. By the end of this year, 98,200 square meters of new housing must be completed. Considerable funds have also been assigned to housing construction by other branches of industry. However, the plan for housing construction is not being met by many republic departments and construction organizations. Only 34.3 percent of the plan for housing construction by the Azerbaijan petroleum industry was completed in the first 6 months of 1950, and only 29.6 percent of the plan for "ready-for-occupancy" housing construction. Particularly the "Azneft" Association and the "Aznefte-mash" Trust are lagging in housing construction, having completed only about 20 percent of the year plan in the first 6 months. The Republic Ministry of State Farms, of Communal Economy, and of Construction Materials Industry; the Azerbaijan Railroad System, the Plant imeni Parizhskaia Kommuna, and other organizations, have been slow in meeting the plan.

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MOLDAVIAN CONSTRUCTION EXTREMELY SLOW -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, 12 Aug 50

The Moldavian SSR, which suffered considerable damages during the war, has extensive construction plans and has been assigned considerable funds by the government for this purpose. However, the speed of reconstruction and new housing construction is seriously lagging behind the growing demands of Moldavian city workers. The funds allotted by the government for housing construction are used inefficiently.

During 1946 - 1949, only slightly more than 200,000 square meters of housing were built in cities and city-type settlements of Moldavia and 12,400 houses in rural locations. The 1949 plan for housing construction was not fulfilled.

The 1950 plan provides for 50,000 square meters of new housing. The first 6 months are past and the results of housing construction are very alarming. Only 12 percent of the year plan was completed by the republic in 6 months. The situation is even worse in a number of individual ministries. The Ministry of Communal Economy Moldavian SSR (Minister Komkov) completed only 10 percent of the year plan, the Ministry of Light Industry Moldavian SSR (Minister Demin) 11 percent, and the Ministry of Housing and Civilian Construction (Minister Skul'skiy) completed only 4 percent of the 1950 construction plan for the needs of the ministry. The Ministry of Local Industry and the Main Administration of Construction Materials Industry have not built one single meter of housing in 6 months.

ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUAL HOUSING CONSTRUCTION -- Kommunist, 29 Jun 50

Individual housing construction in towns and workers' settlements is progressing on a large scale. The government is giving individual builders considerable financial aid. The Central Communal Bank has established a credit in 1950 for the construction of 100,000 houses. Workers and employees are granted long-term loans through the enterprises where they are employed or through executive committees of local soviets. In addition to credits, individual builders receive help in the form of construction materials, transport equipment, etc. In many towns and rayon centers, stores have been opened for the sale of lumber, roofing and other building materials, and finished parts. Builders are also provided with facilities for transporting the materials.

Moskovskaya Pravda, 17 Jun 50

Workers of the Mytishchy Instrument-Building Plant, Moscow Oblast, of the Ministry of Petroleum Industry, will receive 150,000 rubles for construction of individual homes. The building costs are to be repaid by the workers in 3 years. The houses will be completed in 1950.

HOW TO OBTAIN BUILDING LOTS -- Trud, 12 Aug 50

In answer to a reader's question regarding the possibility of obtaining a building lot in a workers' settlement. Trud gives the following information: Executive committees of Kray, oblast, city and rayon soviets of workers' deputies are authorized to assign lots to citizens (both in cities and outside) for the purpose of building individual homes of one or two stories (containing from one to five rooms). These lots are allocated for indefinite use from land belonging to cities, settlements, state land reserves and state forest reserves, and the houses built on these lots become the property of the builders. The size of a lot in a city can be from 300 to 600 square meters, and from 700 to 1,200 square meters outside the city. The size of a lot is determined in each instance by the executive committees of oblast, city, or rayon soviets of workers' deputies, depending on the size of the house to be built and on local conditions.

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